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1. NORWEGIAN POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, IS EXEMPLARY AND COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TO WHICH ALL NATIONS COULD ASPIRE. FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE FULLY RESPECTED IN THIS SOPHISTICATED SCANDINAVIAN DEMOCRACY, A FACT WHICH MANIFESTS ITSELF PROMINENTLY IN NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY AS WELL. THROUGH UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE UN, A CORNERSTONE OF NORWEGIAN POLICY, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, NORWAY STANDS OUT AS A LEADING ADVOCATE OF HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES, QUICK TO CONDEMN ANY VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DETECTED ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS, SPECIFICALLY THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE, WAS THE THEME OF FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S ADDRESS TO THE 29TH UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1974. FRYDENLUND ECHOED THIS THEME IN HIS ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT (NOVEMBER 1) WHERE HE TERMED THE

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PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS "A TRADITIONAL TASK FOR

NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY". HE COMMITTED THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS ENDEAVORS "TO AROUSE WORTHWHILE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE SUBJECT AND TO ACHIEVE SOME FORM OF MACHINERY WITHIN THE UN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER GRAVE VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS."

3. WE NOTE THAT WHILE NORWAY HAS NOT HESITATED TO PUBLICLY IDENTIFY AND CRITICIZE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH IT HAS PERCEIVED WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE (THE FORMER REGIMES IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL WERE PRIME TARGETS DURING 1974), THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE RETICENT IN ITS CRITICISM OF COMPARABLE BUT EQUALLY OBVIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFICIENCIES AMONG MANY OF THE COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS.

4. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A LEGAL DEPARTMENT DIVISION CHIEF, HAS EITHER BEEN UNAVAILABLE OR HAS HAD SCHEDULING CONFLICTS THAT HAVE THUS FAR PRECLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EMBASSY ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY AND WILL TRANSMIT WHATEVER DOCUMENTS, LEGISLATION OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THIS OFFICIAL MAY PROVIDE WHICH WE FEEL WOULD BE OF USE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS.
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